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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 2069

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, NL

SUBJECT: COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES IN THE NETHERLANDS

REFS: A. USCINCEUR 090630 Z APR 73

B. THE HAGUE 467

C. THE HAGUE 5141 OF 12/22/72

1. COL. MANTE, CHAIRMAN OF DUTCH NEGOTIATING TEAM, INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 3 THAT LETTER WOULD BE SENT TO EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS PROVIDING COMMENTS AND COUNTER- PROPOSALS ON DRAFT TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENT WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO MANTE ON MARCH 7. MANTE SAID RNLAFF SURVEY TEAM WAS SENT TO SOESTERBERG, EINDHOVEN, AND GILZE RIJEN TO MAKE DETAILED STUDY OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN COMPARISON WITH FACILITIES DESIRED BY USAF. MANTE SAID HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE REPORT OF SURVEY TEAM ON MAY 3 OR 4. NEXT STEP WILL BE FOR RNLAFF STUDY GROUP, CHAIRMED BY MANTE, TO CONVENE DURING WEEK OF MAY 7 TO STUDY REPORT AND PREPARE COMMENTS FOR
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FORWARDING TO EMBASSY. DEPENDING ON CONTENTS OF
MANTE' S LETTER, EMBASSY/ EUCOM/ USAFE CAN THEN MAKE
DETERMINATION WHETHER FINAL NEGOTIATING SESSION IS
NECESSARY.

2. SINCE PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT WITH COL.
MANTE ON TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE FAIRLY RAPID,
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF STATUS OF
WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF DUTCH COUNTER- DRAFT OF
COVERING AGREEMENT (REF C AS AMENDED BY REF B). AS
DEPT AWARE FROM REFS A AND B, DUTCH DRAFT IS ACDRAWAL). SHE MAY
PREFER
PARTY FACTIONS TO MAKE DECISION RATHER THAN IMPOSE HER WILL.

4. IN VIEW BEN AHARON' S STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT AMONG WORKERS
AND ALIGNMENT' S NEED TO BALANCE KEY POSITIONS AMONG SAPIR AND
MINORITY GROUPS IN ALIGNMENT, BEN AHARON HAS GOOD CHANCE TO
CONTINUE IN OFFICE. THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN HIS LEADERSHIP IN CALLING
FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN ECONOMY IN FAVOR OF MORE
EGALITARIAN INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND FOR CONCESSIONS ON TERRITORIES
TO PRESERVE CHARACTER OF JEWISH STATE AND FACILITATE PEACE
ACCORD WITH ARABS.
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